

**UTILITY BOARD/COMMON COUNCIL**

**Thursday, April 25, 2013**

**7:00 P.M.**

The Common Council and Utility Board of the City of Huntingburg met in joint session at its regularly scheduled meeting time on Thursday, April 25, 2013 at the hour of 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Huntingburg City Hall at 508 E. Fourth Street, Huntingburg, Indiana. Members Lehr, Blackgrove, Kissling and Summers were present. Also present were Mayor Spinner and City Attorney Schneider. Member McPherron was absent.

Mayor Spinner called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Kissling seconded by Blackgrove and carried to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2013 meeting as presented.

A motion was made by Lehr seconded by Summers and carried to approve the claims as presented.

Huntingburg Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Nick Stevens was present to thank the City for helping make the Kiwanis Car Show and the Jazz Festival such successes.

The Mayor noted that the ordinance to amend the schedule of penalties for certain parking violations that was introduced at the last meeting needs to be considered for adoption.

A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by Lehr and carried to introduce Ordinance No. 2013-16 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 34 OF THE HUNTINGBURG  
MUNICIPAL CODE PROVIDING FOR A SCHEDULE OF CIVIL PENALTIES  
FOR CERTAIN ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS**

Upon call of roll for the adoption or rejection of Ordinance No. 2013-16 the vote being 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent (McPherron) in favor of adoption, Ordinance No. 2013-16 was duly passed and adopted this date at the hour of 7:08 P.M.

The Mayor indicated that this was the date set to review the salaries of the Energy Superintendent and the Water Superintendent. The salaries were set in February for a transition period. The Mayor recommended that both salaries be set at \$1,138.50 per week.

A motion was made by Lehr, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to set the Water Superintendent's and the Energy Superintendent's salaries at \$1,138.50 per week.

Energy Superintendent Reutepohler presented the monthly Electric and Gas Utility reports. He indicated that he would be hiring a college student to help with GIS mapping.

Reutepohler presented a letter to the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission requesting a special permit to temporarily operate a segment of pipeline with a maximum allowable operating pressure of 200 psig. (Exhibit A)

Reutepohler indicated the gas storage field will be shut down within the next 12 months but will likely be shut down by the end of the summer due to the inability to draw out during cold months due to pressure issues.

A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Summers and carried to authorize a petition before the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission for a special permit to operate the gas line segment noted in Exhibit A.

Water Utility Superintendent Traylor presented his monthly report. He presented the Notice to Bidders for the Huntingburg Vehicle Garage Project. He indicated that a

pre-bid meeting will be held on May 9, 2013 for any contractors that may have questions or concerns and he requested a public meeting be scheduled to open bids for the construction of a vehicle garage building at the water treatment plant.

A motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by Lehr and carried to set a public meeting for May 17, 2013 at 10:00 A.M. to open bids for the water utility vehicle garage building.

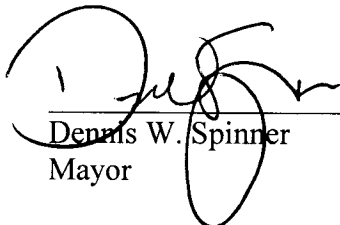
A motion was made by Kissling, seconded by Blackgrove and carried to authorize the committee of the Mayor, Clerk-Treasurer and Water Superintendent to receive the bids for the water utility vehicle garage building.

Traylor noted there would be a public hearing at the public meeting on May 9, 2013 for the application for the Community Focus Fund Grant for the Patoka Lake waterline project.

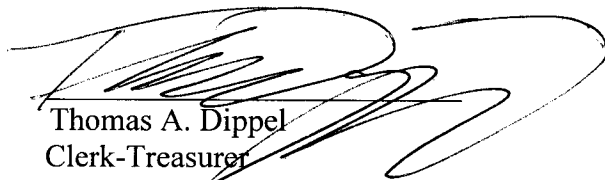
The Mayor informed the Council of plans to increase the local match for the CFF grant by using \$50,000 of EDIT funds to combine with \$83,000 of Water Utility funds already committed, to increase the City's scoring opportunity and the chance for a successful grant application for the Patoka Lake waterline project.

Traylor informed the Board that the Indiana Alliance of Rural Water Association will have their annual water conference at the City Park again this year on May 16.

There being no further business before the Council, a motion was made by Blackgrove, seconded by Kissling and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 o'clock P.M.



Dennis W. Spinner  
Mayor



Thomas A. Dippel  
Clerk-Treasurer

# City of Huntingburg

Common Council / UTIL BOARD

APRIL 25, 2013

7:00 P.M.

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John Reutepohler, Energy  
Superintendent

EXHIBIT A

Mr. Steve Allen  
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04/10/2013

## Re: Special Permit Request

Dear Sir:

The City of Huntingburg, IN is a municipal natural gas pipeline operator in Southwestern Indiana that serves approximately 3,500 customers. The City is requesting a Special Permit to temporarily continue to operate a pipeline segment that does not currently have a verifiable Maximum Allowable Operating Pressure (MAOP).

### Background

The City of Huntingburg operates a segment of pipeline that originates approximately 3,375' west of an interconnect with Midwestern Gas Transmission in Pike County near Stendel, IN and extends eastward approximately 8.4 miles where this segment ends at a pressure reduction station. From this station there is approximately 0.9 miles of pipeline that extends from connections to both sides of the regulating station to the point of injection into or withdrawal and treatment from a City of Huntingburg owned natural gas storage field. Currently gas may either be injected into the field from the high pressure side of the regulating station or withdrawn from the field into the lower pressure side. The City plans to abandon this 0.9 mile segment within the next 12 months and cease utilizing the storage field. The outlet of the reduction station also connects to the City of Huntingburg distribution system and has served for several years as the primary source of natural gas supply for the entire system.

The 8.4 mile segment of pipeline was installed in 1982 and consists of 4" coated steel. Original engineering drawings created in July of 1978 describe the pipe as "4" standard wall". The pipeline lies in a Class 1 location along its entire length. The gas is odorized at the Midwestern interconnect as well as at the withdrawal from the storage field. The pipeline pressure is controlled via regulators at the Midwestern interconnect and has been operated at approximately 425 psig for the past several years with a presumed MAOP of 475 psig. Overpressure protection is in place at the Midwest interconnect station in the form of monitor regulators and the City is not aware of any past exceedence of the MAOP.

In response to the recent reclassification of this pipeline segment from "distribution" to "transmission" and to PHMSA advisory bulletins requiring the verification of pipeline MAOP, the City has searched for the original installation specifications for the pipeline including specific pipe information, pressure testing requirements and records, inspection data etc. in order to establish a verifiable MAOP, however, it appears as though a

Verifiable record cannot be located. This pipeline segment is critical for the safe operation of the City of Huntingburg gas system and directly serves a large number of customers. We are attaching several records showing that the pipeline has been operated safely at approximately 425 psig for many years including having been cathodically protected, monitored and patrolled, odorized, leak surveyed etc.

### **Request**

The City of Huntingburg is requesting a Special Permit to temporarily operate this pipeline segment with a MAOP of 200 psig in order to keep all customers safely in service until the City can submit and execute a plan to establish a verifiable MAOP through pressure testing and/or uprating that fully complies with Part 192 and is acceptable to the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, who have regulatory jurisdiction.

Sincerely,

